Awards and Acknowledgements

Dr. Bill Corser has joined the Editorial Board for the International Scholarly Research Network Nursing series of open-access journals. ISRN Nursing is one of the ISRN series of journals which are designed to provide a fast peer review process for all submitted manuscripts.

Dr. Millie Horodysnki’s healthy eating research is spreading throughout the world. Her recent Public Health Nursing article entitled, “Low income African American and non-hispanic white mothers’ self-efficacy, “picky eater” perception, and toddler fruit and vegetable consumption,” has picked up coverage as far away as India. Her efforts have been published in TIME Healthland, ScienceDaily, Elements4Health, redOrbit, DailyIndia, examiner, ScienceBlog, sifynews, oneindia news, and NEWS-Line. Congratulations to Dr. Horodynski on her recognition.

Dr. Rebecca Lehto’s application for the SBM Mock Grant Review Workshop has been accepted. Prior to the SBM conference Dr. Lehto’s proposal will be discussed orally during a study section amongst the reviewers, selected applicants and workshop observers. Dr. Lehto will also serve as a reviewer to other applicants.

Elsevier congratulates Dr. Debra Schutte on her co-authored journal article “Consumer health informatics: From genetics to population health” published in Nursing Outlook. Dr. Schutte, Anna McDaniel and Linda Olsen Keller received the Elsevier 2010 author award.

NIH has accepted Dr. Costellia Talley’s appointment as a BIRCWH scholar. Dr. Talley’s long-term goal is to improve the quality of life among African American breast cancer survivors aged 50 years and older. The objective of this two phase project is to use a community-based participatory (CBPR) approach to pilot test a community based intervention that aims to improve QOL of these women. Results of this proposed project will be used to revise and design a large-scale study that will be submitted to NIH after the completion of the 2-year training. Congratulations Dr. Talley on this achievement.

Grant News

Congratulations to Dr. Lorraine Robbins and her team on receiving the college’s third CTSI Seed Grant. The grant entitled, “Middle School Physical Activity Intervention for Boys” seeks to test the acceptability and feasibility of and obtain preliminary evidence of efficacy for a 6-week “Guys Only Activity for Life” (G.O.A.L.) intervention (guided by the Health Promotion Model and Social Cognitive Theory).

The College of Nursing has received a subaward from the Regents of the University of Michigan. Dr. Gwen Wyatt will be working with Dr. Suzanna Zick from the University of Michigan on the R01 grant entitled, “Acupressure for Persistent Cancer Related Fatigue.” The primary aim of the grant is to examine the effect of 6-weeks of RA compared to SA or standard of care on fatigue as assessed by: (1) weekly self-report using the Brief Fatigue Inventory; (2) objective daytime physical activity on actigraph; or (3) fatigue patterns assessed 4-times daily using a visual analog scale.
From the Associate Dean of Research and Director of the Doctoral Program

Barbara Given, PhD, RN, FAAN
The New Year starts with new energy, new resolutions and new goals. January brings with it exciting news that includes research and scholarship. Costellia Talley has become a BIRCWH fellow which gives her two years of support to develop her program of research. We congratulate Lorraine Robbins on her recent CTSA-MSU funding. In addition, we anxiously await word of funding on three very strong scored grants.

RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP NEWS

Sparrow Health System Partnership
As the CON-Sparrow partnership looks forward to the New Year, we also reflect on the many successes of 2010.

Manuscripts:
Jan Bartlett, perioperative CNS, submitted a manuscript to the Association of Peri-Operative Registered Nurses (AORN) on her research project that assessed the benefits of a peri-surgical liaison nurse. Mary Lou Mitchell, CNS in neurology, along with speech therapist, Brooke Frommeyer, will submit a manuscript on bedside dysphagia assessment to the journal Stroke in early 2011.

Research Projects:
Kathy Marble, neonatal CNS, will conduct a study on maternal education for mothers whose newborns go directly to the Sparrow neonatal intensive care unit following delivery. This study provides mothers with information and coping skills to adapt to the specialized care needed by their newborns. Leah Cohen, critical care CNS, will continue the development of a study that will focus on concordance between RNs on neurological assessments of delirium for vented patients. Leah has provided in-service education for all 150 nurses on this assessment in the three adult intensive care units. Her study will assess how consistently the new assessment tool is being used in each of the three units.

Enrichment Activities:
A continuing education program was offered at Sparrow on evidence-based practice (EBP) on December 10, 2010. Two Sparrow nurses, Deb Nault and Leah Cohen, took the lead on this workshop, along with Nursing Research Consultant, Gwen Wyatt and CON doctoral student, Chia Tai Hung. The program was designed to help nurses keep EBP in their awareness.

DECEMBER CON GRANTS SUBMITTED


Talley, C. “Functional Status of Older African American Breast Cancer Survivors.” R03 submitted to the National Institutes of Health, NCI.
Graduation
On December 10, 2010, Elizabeth Byma and Sandra Spoelstra participated in the Advance Degree Ceremony for the PhD Program. This ceremony was held at the Breslin Student Events Center. Dr. Bill Corser, Dr. Barbara Given, Dr. Denise St. Arnault and Dr. Linda Spence also participated in this event with the students.

ONS Feature
Former PhD graduate Judith M. Fouladbakhsh’s work was featured in an ONS Connect article entitled “Integrative Medicine Combining Conventional With Complementary to Improve Patient Care” in the November 2010 issue. Judith is a 2006 graduate from the PhD Program in the College of Nursing and is currently an Assistant Professor at Wayne State University’s College of Nursing.

New Registered Nurse
Congratulations to Nicole Osier, fast-track PhD program student, who recently passed her National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX).

Undergraduate Scholarly Project Poster Presentations
Ten groups of undergraduate students, along with their faculty mentors, presented the following research posters on Friday, December 10, 2010 during the Senior Scholarly Project Poster Presentations.

**Assessment and Treatment of Phantom Limb Pain in Adult Amputees**
- Pricilla Ding
- Alexandra Herman
- Emily Herman
- Faculty Mentor: Patricia Doerr

**Bedside Reporting in an Adult Acute Care Setting**
- Jennifer Bono
- Kelly Kourtjian
- Julie Kraft
- Faculty Mentor: Lisa Palmer

**Exercise Intervention to Reduce Cancer Related Fatigue (CRF) in Pediatric Populations**
- Meghan Atherton
- Stephanie Easley
- Elizabeth Hoxie
- Faculty Mentor: Amy Hoffman

**Family-Centered Care for Terminal ICU Patients**
- Sarah Brukel
- Brittany Frost
- Stephanie Land
- Faculty Mentor: Barbara Jonker

**Implementations of Animal Assisted Therapy to Improve Quality of Life in Children with Chronic Conditions**
- Brianne Clarin
- Vanessa Han-Voth
- Brittany Kerpet
- Faculty Mentor: Gretchen Dubes

**Non-Pharmacological Pain Management**
- Mishawna Bussing
- Lauren Easterbrook
- Jessica Gullen
- Kathleen Karle
- Faculty Mentor: Sally Tazelaar

**Reducing Medication Errors in the Pediatric Population in the Emergency Department by Utilizing a Color-Coded Medication Administration System**
- Krystle Franckowiak
- Lindsay Karama
- Elizabeth Ruhling
- Faculty Mentor: Marci Mechtel

**The Effects of Snoezelen on Agitation and Aggression in Patients with Dementia**
- Emily Craddock
- Kathryn Faris
- Courtney Jesning
- Faculty Mentor: Vicki Tyrrell

**Timing of Detection of Postpartum Depression Screening in Postpartum Women**
- Susie Barbour
- Julia Bayer
- Meaghan Cifka
- Faculty Mentor: Nancy Gallagher
Publications


Presentations


Reviewers
Chang, M. Journal of Nutrition Education and Behaviors
Lehto, R. Oncology Nursing Forum

Corser, B. Journal of Nursing Care Quality
Wyatt, G. Cancer Nursing

Given, B. RINAH
Wyatt, G. BMC Complementary and Alternative Medicine

Given, B. European Journal of Oncology Nursing
Wyatt, G. Journal of Alternative and Complementary Medicine

Given, B. Cancer Nursing

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Institute for Public Policy and Social Research Forum Series 2011**
January 26, 2011
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Anderson House Office Building, Mackinac Room, 5th Floor (across from the Capitol)
For information please visit www.ippsr.meu.edu.

**Scale Development & Factor Analysis**
January 28, 2011
Presented by Rick DeShon
1:00-4:00 p.m., 106 Farrall Agricultural Engineering Hall
For information please visit http://www.cstat.msu.edu/events/

**Focus Group Data: A Formative Research and Analysis Perspective**
February 2, 2011
Presented by Kami Silk
12:00-1:00 p.m., E4 East Fee Hall (next to the Medical Bookstore)
For additional information contact Chris Bien at Christine.biehn@hc.msu.edu

**MSU Business-Connect**
February 18, 2011
Presented by Lorelei Davis, PhD, and Brice Nelson
12:00-1:00 p.m., A230 Life Sciences
For additional information contact Jennifer Labun at Jennifer.labun@hc.msu.edu
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<td>Sigma Theta Tau International 22nd International Nursing Research Congress. Moon Palace Golf and Spa Resort, Cancun, Mexico <a href="http://www.nursingsociety.org">Early Registration Deadline: May 4th</a></td>
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<td>Gerontological Society of America 64th Annual Scientific Meeting. Hynes Convention Center, Boston, MA.</td>
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## NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

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